

Dear County Council Members,

I very much oppose the imposition of a vaccine passport in Montgomery County.

I appreciate that you have all worked tirelessly to manage the covid situation and that some of you think that the passport system might be a good idea.

But who would a vaccine passport system really help? It will not benefit the vaccinated or the unvaccinated, as the omicron variant is transmissible by all and to all, regardless of vaccination passport status. It will not help businesses, as they will lose customers.

In addition, a county-imposed vaccine passport is a frightening step toward government overreach. By imposing a vaccine passport, the county council members would be making decisions about people's businesses and lives, instead of allowing business owners and consumers to make their own decisions based on their specific needs and concerns.

A mandatory vaccine passport will not allow businesses and individuals to react to new information about the virus as it comes out and respond in ways that would allow them protect themselves.

The vaccine passport might have made more sense last spring, when it was effective against the initial strain, but it will do nothing to help manage the virus now, and will only create division and animosity in our county.

Please do not pass this bill. Things are constantly changing with the virus, and I would strongly prefer more caution before implementing something that will disrupt the lives of everyone in Montgomery County.

Thank you for all of your hard work and service to the residents and businesses of Montgomery County, and for listening to the community as you decide how to proceed.